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OIL, best quality, 40 cents a gallon. This oil has excellent body, good wearing qualities and will not gum your machinery. Good for all sorts of machines. Poor economy to use poor oil.

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25 cents a pound. This is not one of the "Trust" brands—(we do not like "Trusts," and by analysis is high grade—strictly pure. 25 cents a pound.

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ENS—Did you use plenty of Moth Balls in packing them away. 3 pounds Moth Balls for 25 cents.

McMonagle & Rogers, 30 North St. and 155 North St. (North Side Pharmacy).

IT IS GRATIFYING!

to us, when we see all the efforts so many dealers are making to dispose of their stock of crockery to realize that we have had a tremendous trade in crockery, and especially so in dinner sets, which we were unable to secure fast enough to meet the demand. It is the same way with

Furniture and Carpets.

We're doing a very satisfactory business, thank you; and the only way we can account for it is that our goods are all new and we are

The Cheapest Place in the City.

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25 AND 27 EAST MAIN STREET.

65 cts. a Bushel

POTATOES.

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NEW POTATOES

40c. Peck.

Finest Home Grown

STRAWBERRIES

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Prices Reduced!

On Muttons and Walling Hat, Black, white and mixed straw, that were 90c, 80c and 50c, reduced to 40c. Those at 30c and 10c to go for 20c and 10c. Big assortment. Come now.

MRS. BUSB, 144 North Street.

JUNE TRIAL TERM.

Supreme Court's Two Weeks' Session at Goshen Ended.

WORK OF THE TERM SUMMARIZED.

Martha Wagel Gets a Verdict—A stay of sixty days granted in the Martin Royce case—Hudson case verdict set aside.

The trial of the case of Martha Wagel vs. Andrew Wagel and the Dry Dock Savings Institution was resumed Friday afternoon. Mrs. Wagel continued her testimony. It was to the effect that an agreement had been entered into by Mrs. Wagel with her husband, Andrew Wagel, that in consideration of her providing for the family he would give her the Dry Dock Savings Bank book in which there was about \$500 to their joint account. John Wagel, a fourteen-year-old son, and Annie Myers and Annie Custer, who had been employed as domestics in the family, corroborated her statements. Proof that Mrs. Wagel kept her part of the contract was made by showing receipts for the payment of dry goods and grocery bills, doctors' bills and other accounts, amounting to about \$500, out of Mrs. Wagel's earnings as dressmaker.

It further developed that the family consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Wagel, Mr. Wagel's father and four children, and though Mr. Wagel had contributed a little to their support from his earnings as a market gardener and laborer, he had been abusive of his wife, had beaten her and finally kicked her out of the house. For this last act, a suit for a limited divorce is now pending and Mr. Wagel is now paying \$6 a week alimony to his wife.

In the defense Mr. Wagel explained that he had owned a farm in the town of Lumberland in Sullivan county. This farm C. W. Chapin wanted to include in a game preserve he was making in that region and it was sold to him for \$4,100. Of this amount \$3,100 was deposited in three savings banks of which the Dry Dock was one.

Wagel testified that he had never made any agreement to give his wife the Dry Dock deposit book and his father was placed on the stand to corroborate him. He also testified to missing the Dry Dock Bank book and that afterwards it was found in the possession of Mr. Lybott, Mrs. Wagel's attorney.

After H. B. Fullerton had summed up for the defense and John W. Lyon for the plaintiff the court, among other things, charged that the effect of the joint account was that each had a share in it and at the death of either the survivor would take the whole. In the absence of other facts nothing was to be deduced from the bank book being in the possession of the wife, for the law regarded the wife's possession as that of the husband. He also charged that the unhappy relations of the couple should not prejudice the jury against or in favor of either party; that the whole case turned on the question whether there was an agreement with the husband or not, which was for the jury to determine, and that if there was, the agreement to give the bank book was the same as giving the money which was credited on it.

The jury after being out about ten minutes brought in a verdict for the plaintiff to which an allowance of 5 per cent. was added against the defendant Wagel.

VERDICT IN THE ROYCE CASE.

Before the jury had left the box the jury in the Royce vs. City of Middletown case announced their verdict of \$400 for the plaintiff, to which the same allowance was granted.

Defendant's counsel obtained sixty days in which to make up a case and a stay of sixty days after judgment had been entered.

HUDSON VERDICT SET ASIDE.

The court announced that the verdict in the case of Hudson vs. the Erie Railroad was set aside for irregularity, the verdict having been rendered when neither the court nor counsel for the respective parties were present.

COURT ADJOURNED WITHOUT DAY.

The work of the term. This term of court has been held for two weeks and has disposed of fourteen cases out of 105 on the calendar. Of the ninety-one cases left, one has been discontinued and two settled out of court leaving eighty-eight to linger along successive terms until they are finally reached. Five of the cases thus left over are against the city of Middletown.

Of the fourteen cases tried, five were for damages for alleged negligence on the part of the defendants, of which but one, Royce against the city of Middletown, obtained a clear verdict, and that one for a comparatively small amount. Two of them were dismissed by the court, in one the jury failed to agree and in the other the verdict was set aside for irregularity in the manner in which it was rendered.

CREWENT BASE BALL CLUB AT HAMBURG.

The Crewent base ball team went to Hamburg, N. J., this morning, on the 8 and W. train, and this afternoon they will play the local team consisted of F. Gibson, C. H. Platt, P. H. Rockafellow, L. B. A. Jacobus, 2 b.; Ed. Smith, c. s.; B. Crist, 3 b.; D. Leonard, 1 b.; L. E. Crawford, c. f.; W. Sheen, c. l.

A Most Excellent Selection.

D. C. McMonagle has accepted the appointment of the Common Council during John W. Slauon's absence in Europe will act as his representative on the Thru Library Building Commission. The appointment is a most excellent one for Mr. McMonagle knows a lot about building and will devote whatever time is necessary to the duties of the position he has consented to assume.

Trouble Ahead for Many Pale Faces.

Upqua Tribe, No. 331, I. O. R. M., will confer the adoption, warrior's and chief's degrees on twenty-five pale faces, Monday night. Visiting brothers welcome.

FOR THE MISSION CAUSE.

Regular Monthly Meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the Second Presbyterian Church.

On Friday afternoon, the Missionary Society of the Second Presbyterian Church held its regular monthly meeting at the Old Ladies' Home. There were seventy ladies present.

Mrs. Charles Beattie conducted the devotional and business meeting, "Showers of Blessings" was sung, a portion of the scripture read and an earnest prayer offered by Mrs. Anne Preston Neale, of Goshen.

After listening to the reports of the secretary and treasurer, the program, which had been prepared by Mrs. C. T. Roe and Mrs. J. B. Crosby was taken up.

Mrs. Cornelia Marvin rendered a pretty vocal solo. After a season of silent prayer, Mrs. U. E. Cooper led in prayer. Mrs. Sarah Vail, with the aid of a map to show the situation of the mission stations, read an instructive self-prepared paper on Alaska.

Mrs. D. C. McMonagle, in an excellent paper, described scenes and incidents of her recent trip to Africa.

Mrs. Annie Preston Neale, in addition to a few well chosen remarks, read letters from the Boys' Farm School, in Asheville, N. C., in which the Presbyterian Society has a furnished room to which the auxiliaries contribute and which is named "The Neale Room."

After the offering was made and the Lord's prayer repeated, a social hour was enjoyed at which time dainty refreshments were by Mrs. C. J. Giering and a corps of efficient assistants.

IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Many Items of Interest Cleared from Sullivan County Papers and Contributed by Wideawake Correspondents in That County.

—The Teachers' Association of the Second Commissioner District of Sullivan county met in Livingston Manor, June 9. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, E. A. Fuller; Vice-President, S. Elizabeth Sprague; Secretary, Herbert Russell; Treasurer, Rufus Multry.

—Fire which started from a defective chimney and which spread under the floor of the second story threatened the destruction of Andrew McCullough's house near Monticello, a few days ago. Mr. McCullough was not at home but his wife chopped holes in the floor and poured enough water into them to extinguish the flames.

—John Rogers killed a rattlesnake on his farm near Roscoe, the other day, which was four feet long and had ten rattles.

—Laurie Ingraham, of Rockland, is in the Monticello jail in default of a bond for \$250 to keep the peace toward his wife, who caused his arrest for assaulting her.

—Liberty's trustees have passed a dog muzzling ordinance.

—There was no insurance on the saw mill and turning shop of John I. Cox & Sons, which was destroyed by fire, at Cuddey, a few days ago.

—The town of Liberty has for sale \$5,000 of four per cent. twenty year bonds, issued to redeem other bonds which mature July 1.

—County Treasurer Decker has received a check for \$2,200 from the State Treasurer, in payment of the award secured by the law committee of the Board of Supervisors for the old buildings formerly used for an insane asylum.—Watchman.

—Theon Potts, of Jeffersonville, having passed the necessary examinations of the law department of Columbia University at Washington, has received the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

—The State Tax Commissioners visited Monticello, Tuesday, and met the supervisors and town assessors and questioned them about values and assessments in their respective towns. Members of the towns' representatives insisted that they assessed at full value and in some cases at more than full value. Whenever discrepancies were discovered, as for instance where recent sales had been made at many times the assessed valuation an explanation was ready, and the commissioners went away no wiser than when they came. The statements of assessors showed that land was assessed at from twenty-five cents to \$25 an acre.

—By the sudden starting of a team while in the act of stepping into a wagon, Sunday, Miss Mary Rose, of near Livingston Manor, was thrown to the ground and dragged a short distance. Her arms and back were very severely bruised.

—H. Flynn and his niece, Mrs. Mary, were quite badly hurt in a runaway near Mr. Flynn's summer home at Hedge Lake, June 9. Mr. Flynn was badly bruised and Mrs. Mary had three ribs broken.

—The Ensign says that several of the public spirited citizens of Livingston Manor will push the opening of the new road to Yonkersville. Steps are also being taken to improve the road up the Willowemoc Valley.

—The hot weather has driven many city people into the country and Liberty is confident that this year's boarding season will be the best this place has ever known.

—Many improvements are being made, this season, to properties in Monticello. The telephone service in Monticello, Grubbsville, Woodbourne and South Palestine is under new management and is being fitted up in modern shape. New and improved long distance phones are replacing the old ones, and the new lines intend giving their patrons a first class service.—Republican.

—Monticello has a quiet pitching cruise and the man who can't pitch a golf game doesn't count for much at the county seat, just now.

Will Be Best Man at a Wedding in Binghamton. John M. Houston went to Rochester today, and on Tuesday he will return to Binghamton and officiate as best man at the wedding of Fred Hammond and Miss Georgia Payson Smith. Mr. Hammond is a nephew of Stoddard Lake trout preserve.

Auction, to-night, at Shannon's. Frames to order every day half price. 1t

FIREMEN'S PARADE.

Thursday, Oct. 12, Fixed as the Date for the Great Event.

THE BOARD OF OFFICERS' MEETING.

Business Men's Association to Be Asked to Help Raise Funds—Parade Certain to Attract Crowds to This City.

Thursday, October 12, is the date of the big fire parade. It was so decided at the meeting of the Board of Officers of the fire department at Executives' rooms, Friday night.

The board decided to have all secretaries of companies attend the meetings in order that they may report to their companies who transpires. The foreman of the department will call upon the Business Men's Association to see what may be done in the matter of raising funds for the expenses of the day.

The business men of this city can well afford to make liberal subscriptions to the fire parade fund. Such a parade as is projected by the department will bring hundreds of firemen and their friends here from other places, many of whom will be in town for two or three days. The parade, if properly advertised, and it will be, will attract to Middletown thousands of visitors from the country roundabout and every branch of business will be benefited.

Middletown's firemen have seldom "laid down" on the business men for help. They foot their own bills and do it cheerfully, but the expenses involved in such a parade as is projected are too heavy for the boys to meet themselves and therefore they ask the help of citizens.

Three years ago, when the last big parade was held the firemen had for a net egg the more than generous contribution made by George N. Clemson, in recognition of their efficient services in extinguishing a fire at the saw factory. This year they have no such gift as a starter, but are hopeful that they will not lack for funds with which to show true Middletown hospitality to visiting firemen.

Chief Higman will call frequent meetings of the board of officers during the coming months before the parade, and thus make sure that every preparation will be made for the big demonstration.

REAL ESTATE NOTES.

—Case & Taylor, real estate and insurance agents, have sold that portion of the J. M. H. Little property lying on the west side of Beacon street, corner of Prospect street, to Charles H. Cuddeback, of New York city, who buys it as an investment.

—The store building in Pine Bush, belonging to the estate of the late James H. Wallace, was sold by Referee Moses in Newburgh, Monday, to the John A. Crawford estate. The property was mortgaged for \$4,000 and the bid was \$500 in excess of that amount.

OBITUARY NOTES.

—The body of Rev. Martin V. Schoumaker, D. D., who died at West Chester, Pa., was buried at Walden, Thursday. He was pastor of the Walden church from 1849 until 1888.

—Joseph Bennett, who died near Westtown, Monday, was one of Musson's best known farmers and most respected citizens. Death was due to cancer and it came as a welcome relief. He is survived by his widow and two daughters, Mrs. Ada Wilson, of near Deerpark, and Mrs. Mary Elston, at home.

A Pastor's Resignation.

Rev. Paul Martin, for nine years pastor of the Palisades Presbyterian Church in Rockland County, has resigned. The congregation has reluctantly accepted his resignation. A special meeting of Presbytery will be held at the German Church, Nyack, June 26th, to dissolve the pastoral relation.

Judgment for Damage by Fire Affirmed.

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court has affirmed the judgment of \$400 obtained in 1897 by Samuel Van Ingen against the Monticello and Port Jervis railroad for damage done by fire set by a spark from a locomotive.

Telephone Line to Otisville Completed.

The Hudson River Telephone Company's line from Port Jervis to Otisville is completed, and the first messages were sent over it, Friday afternoon. Middle town can now talk to Otisville, the connection being made in the Port Jervis exchange.

A Runaway Stallion.

George Murray's stallion, Sunny Clime, ran away from Port Jervis, Friday morning. When the horse was finally caught the wagon to which it was attached was a total wreck and two other wagons had been badly damaged and the horse had been badly cut about the legs.

Would Be Suicide May Recover.

Wesley Stevens, who cut his throat by the roadside in Chester, Tuesday, and who was sent to Orange Park after twenty-seven stitches had been taken in the wound, has a chance for recovery, in spite of the fact that he is seventy-three years old.

Two Snake Stories.

DETROIT, June 17.—Since John R. Gentry was brought here last month to prepare for a tilt at the pacing records he has shown more speed than any horse in training. Yesterday he made the trip around the Detroit Driving Club's mile track in 2:06 1/2, the fastest mile of the season. He was at the quarter in 30 seconds, slowed up to the half in 1:04, then gradually increasing the clip he paced the last quarter at a 2 minute gait. Driver W. J. Andrews says Gentry was never in such form as at present.

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MARTIN ROYCE'S VERDICT.

Such surprise at the Amount—How it May Have Been Reached.

The verdict of \$400 awarded Martin Royce in his suit against this city has been the chief topic of conversation about town, to-day. A great deal of wonder has been expressed as to how such an amount came to be hit upon and many have expressed the opinion that the verdict is another proof that "the ways of a petit jury are past finding out."

The verdict was probably a compromise but it can be explained on the theory that the jury did not believe the city's contention that Royce fell on private property, nor did they believe the claim of the plaintiff that he was seriously and permanently injured. With these two things out of the case the jurors may have figured it out that \$400 would just about square things for the shaking up that Royce undoubtedly got when he fell.

Although a stay of sixty days was secured in behalf of the city, it is not certain that the case will be appealed. What action is taken will depend on the counsel, and the aldermen may think it cheaper to pay the judgment than to take an appeal.

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Six men who were on their way out were overcome by a sudden explosion of fire damp and suffocated where they fell. Three-quarters of an hour later a party of men were on their way to the scene of the disaster when a slight explosion of gas occurred, by which they were killed instantly. The bodies of the victims were recovered by a rescue party in which was John Johnston, assistant manager of the Dominion Coal Company, and a brother of one of the dead. After considerable difficulty the position of the fire was located, and a body of volunteers attacked the flames with water. This work was carried on vigorously for several hours, when it was found that the extent of the fire and the difficulties of fighting it rendered the efforts useless.

MINISTER STORER PRESENTED.

America's Representative Admitted to Spanish Court Without Incident.

MADRID, June 17.—The newly appointed minister to Spain, Mr. Bellamy Storer, was received in formal audience by the queen regent yesterday. There were no speeches, only a few cordial phrases were exchanged.

Two state carriages from the royal stables conveyed Mr. Storer from the Hotel de Rome to the palace and took him to the hotel after the audience. Premier Silveira presented Mr. Storer to her majesty.

There were no crowds about the palace. Mr. Storer's reception being unannounced in order to avoid disagreeable incidents.

It is to be noted that there were no speeches in the queen regent's reception when ministers are received. Speeches are only made in the case of ambassadors.

Nevertheless, the queen regent was very amiable and complimentary toward Mr. Storer and expressed cordial concern for the health of President McKinley.

The chamber of deputies was organized yesterday, Senator A. Pidal being elected president.

Confiscated Tobacco Stock Sold.

LANCASTER, Pa., June 17.—The stock of W. M. Jacobs, which was confiscated by the government upon the exposure of the celebrated Jacobs-Kendrick-Taylor counterfeiting scheme, was sold yesterday. The sale attracted a large number of tobacco men, all the big firms in New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Richmond and other eastern tobacco centers being represented. The stock consisted of about 400,000 pounds of tobacco of all kinds and grades and about 2,000,000 cigars, besides the apparatus of the factory. Everything was disposed of. The competition forced prices away above what was expected and what would have been considered a fair price, and the total receipts on the sale will, it is thought, reach \$50,000.

Death of Hobson, the Crow.

Hobson is dead! The famous crow which accompanied the members of Company I from Camp Black to Honolulu, died at the armory, this morning, of appendicitis or some other ailment. He will be buried Tuesday night with military honors.

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THE EARTH SHAKEN.

Earthquakes Reported From Both Continents.

WORST EVER KNOWN AT HAWAII.

Supposed to Have Been Caused by a Volcanic Eruption—Series of Earthquakes in the West Indies—First Felt in Middle of May.

MADISON, June 17.—An earthquake shook Idaho yesterday. The inhabitants say it was the severest ever known. It is supposed that the shock was caused by the volcano Coscuzco in Negroes being in eruption.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, June 17.—A continuous series of earthquakes extending from Colon through the Caribbean to Caracas and Muscatibo has been reported since the middle of May. The most severe action was felt at Monrovia and Guadalupe causing much damage.

President's Eastern Trip.

HOLYOKE, June 17.—President McKinley arrived here this morning. The city was in gala dress to welcome the distinguished visitor and the ladies and gentlemen who accompany him. At the station thousands were assembled and much enthusiasm was displayed.

RIFLES FOR THE CARLISTS.

Four Thousand of Them Seized With the Yacht Firefly.

MADRID, June 17.—The seizure of the yacht Firefly at Archonon is officially confirmed here. She had 4,000 rifles intended for the Carlists. It is claimed that the yacht belongs to Lord Ashburton, who is looked upon as being the representative of Don Carlos in England.

Balance of Trade.

WASHINGTON, June 17.—The Bureau of Statistics issues a corrected statement of imports and exports, which shows that during the last eleven months our exports of merchandise have exceeded our imports by \$76,452,131.

J. W. TOMPKINS.
No. 35 North St., Middletown.

White Pique Skirts. We have the best assortment of these popular garments in the city. All have striped hems, not extra full; four great values, \$1.25, \$1.68, \$1.98, \$2.48!

French Organdies. They were made to sell at 25c per yard. We closed the lot at about half prices and offer them until sold at 12 1/2c yard.

Ladies' Fancy Hose in tan, royal blue and black, with white polka dots, black with fancy stripes, plain and top stitch, one of the new fads; as long as they last 25c a pair.

Towels. The greatest values ever shown by any firm 7c, 10c, 12 1/2c, 15c, 25c. Extra size Bleached Bath Towel 15c, 2 for 25c. Glass Crash 5c yard. All linen extra bleached Crash 9c and 10c yard.

1,400 yards Fancy Ribbon in Taffetas, Moires and Gros Grains, worth from 35c to 50c per yard, almost any shade in the lot. It was a case of the manufacturer turning them into cash that we can sell the lot so cheap; as long as they last 25c yard.

Men's and Women's all silk Umbrellas, made with steel rods, paragon frames, with a great variety of handles, in two sizes 26 and 28 inch, every one warranted; \$1, \$1.19, \$1.48.

Ladies' Ribbed Vests. The greatest stock in the city. White and ecru, long sleeves, short sleeves and sleeves. See our special values at 10c, 3 for 25c; 15c or 2 for 25c. Extra size Vests, size 7, 8, 9, 10c or 2 for 25c.

Summer Corsets. We mention just two of our popular styles, both extra well made and stayed, 39c and 49c each. Wire Bustles in the three latest shapes, 25c and 40c each.

Ladies' Dainty Low Priced Summer Shirt Waists.

Our great sales for the last four weeks go to show that the ladies appreciate perfect fitting waists at such low prices as we are selling them at. We have the best Shirt Waist made and at the prices we are selling them at they are about half the regular prices. Buy now while the assortment is complete. **PRICES—50c, 75c, \$1.**

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It is nice on strawberry shortcake, and not at all bad on rhubarb pie and other things

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All Kinds of Exterminators

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